

ALABAMA HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES

Medicaid is a health care program for low income Alabamians. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for one of the Medicaid Program categories in order to qualify for benefits. Waiver programs provide additional Medicaid benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria, and tells you how to apply for Medicaid under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Medicaid.

Clients must meet financial, medical, and program criteria to access waiver services. The applicant must also be at risk of nursing institutionalization (nursing facility, hospital, ICF/MR). Clients in a waiver program must be willing to receive services in their homes or communities. A client who receives services through a waiver program also is eligible for all basic Medicaid covered services. When a client chooses to receive waiver services, the services must be provided by certified Medicaid providers. The cost of waiver services cannot be more than the cost of the level of care the waiver is based upon.

Each waiver program has an enrollment limit. There may be a waiting period for any particular waiver. Applicants may apply for more than one waiver, but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. Anyone who is denied Medicaid eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Talk to your county or regional certifying agency if you wish to exercise your right to appeal.

| | Mental Retardation Waiver | Elderly & Disabled Waiver | Living at Home Waiver | Technology Assisted Waiver for Adults | State of Alabama Independent Living Waiver | HIV/AIDS Waiver |
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| What is the purpose? | To provide service to individuals that would otherwise require the level of care available in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded | To provide services that would allow elderly and/or disabled individuals to live in the community who would otherwise require nursing facility level of care | To provide services to individuals who would otherwise require the level of care available in an ICF/MR | To provide services to individuals who received private duty nursing services, through the EPSDT Program under the Medicaid State Plan who will no longer be eligible for the service upon turning age 21 | To provide services to disabled adults with specific medical diagnoses** who meet the nursing facility level of care criteria | To provide services to individuals with a diagnosis of HIV, AIDS, and related illness who would meet the nursing facility level of care criteria |
| How long has the waiver been operational? | Since 1981 | Since 1982 | Since 2002 | Since 2003 | Since 1992 | Since 2003 |
| What is the target population? | Individuals with a diagnosis of mental retardation or meeting the ICF/MR level of care | Elderly and disabled individuals requiring nursing facility care | Individuals with a diagnosis of mental retardation | Individuals requiring private duty nursing after being ineligible in the EPSDT Program | Individuals with a specific medical diagnoses | Individuals with a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS |
| Is there an age requirement? | Yes; 3 years or older | No | Yes; 3 years or older | Yes; 21 years or older | Yes; 18 years or older | Yes; 21 years or older |
| What groups can be eligible for this waiver? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected groups deemed to be recipients of SSITANF-low income families with childrenSpecial home and community based optional categorically groups whose income is no greater than 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals receiving SSI and/or state supplementationWidows and widowers under age 60Widows and widowers age 60-64Institutional deemingAdult children who lose SSI benefits upon entitlement to the child's insurance benefits based on disability | Protected groups deemed to be recipients of SSI | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals receiving SSI and/or State supplementationCategorically needy groups whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected groups deemed to be recipients of SSITANF-low income families with childrenSpecial home and community based optional categorically needy groups whose income is no greater than 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals receiving SSI and/or state supplementationCategorically needy groups whose income is not greater than 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate |
| What are the waiver criteria? | ICF/MR level of care | Nursing facility level of care | ICF/MR level of care | Nursing facility level of care | Nursing facility level of care | Nursing facility level of care |
| What is the enrollment limit? | 5200 | 8000 | 204- year 1 326- year 2 449- year 3 | 30- year 1 35- year 2 40- year 3 | 585 | 150 |
| Where to go to receive information on how to apply? | Dept of Mental Health and Mental Retardation www.mh.state.al.us | Dept of Senior Services www.adss.state.al.us Dept of Public Health www.adph.org | Dept of Mental Health and Mental Retardation www.mh.state.al.us | Alabama Medicaid Agency www.medicaid.state.al.us | Dept of Rehabilitation Services www.rehab.state.al.us | Dept of Public Health www.adph.org |
| Who provides Case Management? | Dept of Mental Health and Mental Retardation | Dept of Senior Services Dept of Public Health | Dept of Mental Health and Mental Retardation | Dept of Rehabilitation Service | Dept of Rehabilitation | Dept of Public Health |
| What are the services provided? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Residential habilitationPersonal careRespite careDay habilitationPrevocational servicesOccupational therapyPhysical therapySkilled nursingAssistive technologyBehavioral therapyEnvironmental accessibility adaptationSpecialized medical equipment and suppliesSupported employmentSpeech therapyCompanion servicesCommunity specialistCrisis Intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Case managementHomemakerPersonal Care ServicesRespite Care (Skilled and Unskilled)Adult Day Health ServicesAdult Companion ServicesHome Delivered Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Residential habilitationPersonal carePersonal care transportationRespite careDay habilitation-level 1-3Prevocational servicesOccupational therapyPhysical therapySkilled nursingBehavioral managementEnvironmental accessibility adaptationSpecialized medical equipment and suppliesSupported employmentSpeech therapyCommunity specialistCrisis intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Private duty nursingPersonal care/attendant serviceMedical suppliesAssistive technologyTargeted case management | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Case managementPersonal care servicesEnvironmental accessibility adaptationsPersonal emergency response system(initial setup and monthly)Medical suppliesAssistive technology and repairsPersonal assistance services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Personal careRespite careSkilled nursingCompanion services |
| What are the reference sources? | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§441 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 35 | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§440.180 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 36 | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§440.180 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 52 | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§441 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 54 | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§441 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 57 | Code of Federal Regulations: 42 CFR§441 Policy provision for providers: Medicaid Admin Code Ch. 58 |
| Who are the contact persons? | Fordyce Mitchel 1-800-367-0955 | Glenda Harris 206-5341 Robert Franklin 1-800-243-5463 | Fordyce Mitchel 1-800-367-0955 | T.M. Jones 1-800-441-7607 | T.M. Jones 1-800-441-7607 | Glenda Harris 206-5341 |

**specific medical diagnoses include, but are not limited to, Quadriplegia, Traumatic Brain Injury, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Muscular Dystrophy, Severe Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, and other substantial neurological impairments, severely debilitating diseases, or rare genetic diseases.